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# **JURISDICTION**

7. Paragraph Seven consists of plaintiffs' allegations regarding jurisdiction, to which no responsive pleading is required; however, to the extent a responsive pleading is deemed necessary, defendants deny that this Court has jurisdiction under any of the provisions cited in Paragraph Seven.

#### **VENUE**

8. Paragraph Eight consists of plaintiffs' allegations regarding venue, to which no responsive pleading is required.

# INTRADISTRICT ASSIGNMENT

9. Defendants admit the allegations in Paragraph Nine.

## **EXHAUSTION OF REMEDIES**

10. Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph Ten.

### **CAUSE OF ACTION**

- 11. Defendants admit the allegations in Paragraph Eleven.
- 12. Defendants admit the allegations in Paragraph Twelve.
- 13. Defendants admit the allegations in Paragraph Thirteen.
- 14. Defendants are without sufficient information or knowledge to either admit or deny the allegations in Paragraph Fourteen.
- 15. Defendants are without sufficient information or knowledge to either admit or deny the allegations in Paragraph Fifteen.
- 16. Defendants are without sufficient information or knowledge to either admit or deny the allegations in Paragraph Sixteen.
- 17. Defendants are without sufficient information or knowledge to either admit or deny the allegations in Paragraph Seventeen.
- 18. Defendants admit the first sentence in Paragraph Eighteen; however, defendants deny the remaining allegations.
  - 19. Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph Nineteen.
  - 20. Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph Twenty.

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1	21. Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph Twenty-One.
2	22. Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph Twenty-Two.
3	23. Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph Twenty-Three.
4	24. Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph Twenty-Four.
5	25. Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph Twenty-Five.
6	PRAYER
7	26. Paragraph Twenty-Six consists of plaintiffs' prayer for relief, to which no admission or
8	denial is required; to the extent a responsive pleading is deemed to be required, defendants deny
9	this paragraph.
10	FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE
11	Plaintiffs' complaint fails to state a claim upon which relief may be granted.
12	SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE
13	The court should dismiss the Complaint for lack for subject matter jurisdiction.
14	WHEREFORE, Defendants pray for relief as follows:
15	That judgment be entered for defendants and against plaintiffs, dismissing plaintiffs'
16	Complaint with prejudice; that plaintiffs take nothing; and that the Court grant such further relief
17	as it deems just and proper under the circumstances.
18	Dated: September 17, 2007 Respectfully submitted,
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